

HOUSE BILL 31

By DuBois

AN ACT to name a bridge spanning Leipers Creek on State Route 7  
in Maury County in honor of the late Rosalee Fly Atkisson.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Rosalee Fly Atkisson, who distinguished herself as one of Maury County's finest citizens during her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of the Leipers Creek community of Maury County, Ms. Atkisson was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and she worked to establish a brighter future for her friends and neighbors as a devoted and proficient civic leader; and

WHEREAS, the Maury County Commission has petitioned this body to name a certain bridge on State Route 7 to honor her illustrious memory and to permanently commemorate Ms. Atkisson's bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning Leipers Creek on State Route 7 in Maury County (60-7-30-10) is hereby designated the "Rosalee Fly Atkisson Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Rosalee Fly Atkisson Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.